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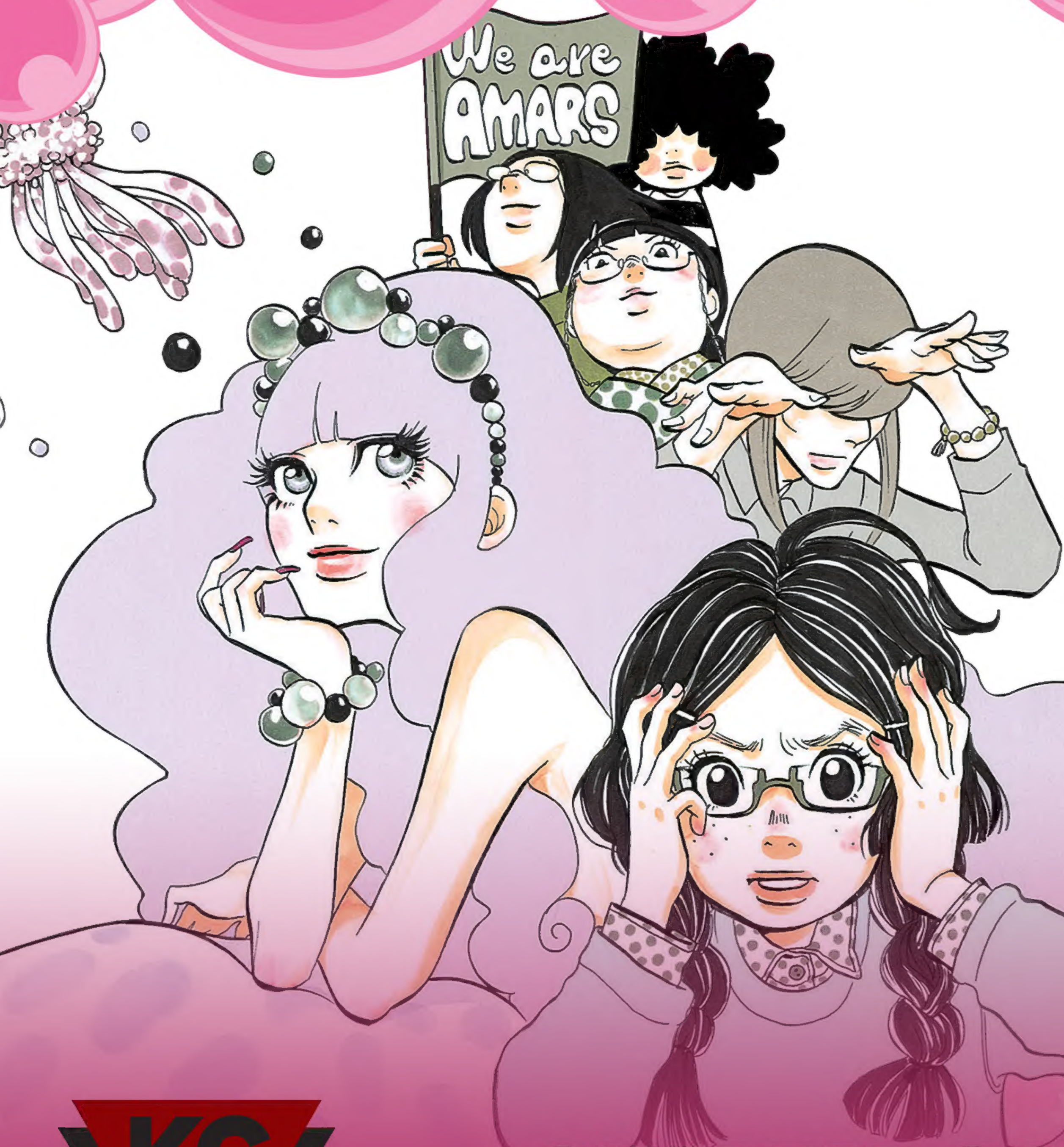

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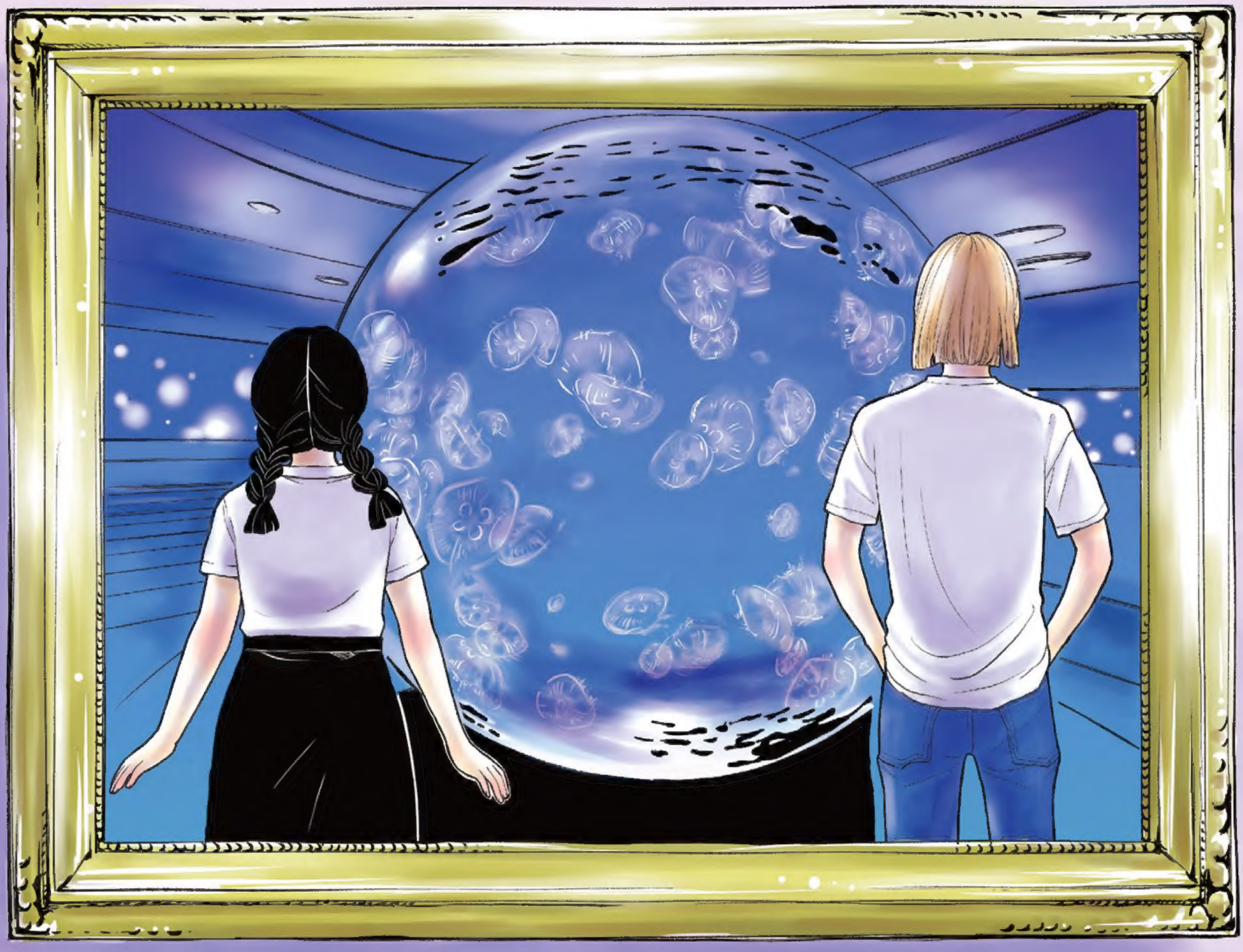

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I'LL PICK YOU UP AT THE AIRPORT THAT DAY.

IT'S ALL RIGHT. I'LL EXPLAIN IT TO MY FATHER.

YES.

IT'LL BE HELD AT THE NEW ENOSHIMA AQUARIUM.

HOLD THE SHOW...

...HERE?

H-HERE...?

I THOUGHT THE IDEA OF DRESS DESIGNS BASED ON JELLYFISH WAS SO INTERESTING, AND THESE DAYS WE DO ALL SORTS OF EVENTS AFTER CLOSING TIME.

I WAS SURPRISED WHEN HE SUGGESTED THIS TO ME, BUT...

YOUR BROTHER WAS A TRUE LIFESAVER THE OTHER DAY.

WE'RE EVEN PLANNING FOR A STAGE PLAY.

SO, WE HOST CONCERTS AND POETRY READINGS...

Aquarium Night Concert

夜の水族館で音を奏でる

2017.8.18.fri

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夜のうた

水族館で一夜限りのお芝居!!

水族館。

AQUARIUMS CLOSE AT 5:00, AND WOULDN'T IT BE A WASTE NOT TO USE THE REST OF THE EVENING FOR SOMETHING?

A SHOW AT AN AQUARIUM...

OH, WOW...

OF COURSE!

CAN WE BRING OUR OWN MUSIC TO PLAY?!

TRUE, WE WOULDN'T NEED TO RENT LIGHTS, OR SOUND EQUIP-MENT...

WE'LL BE SURROUND-ED...

stagger

LEAVE IT TO THE BUDDING POLITI-CIAN—HE DOES GET THE JOB DONE WHEN IT COUNTS.

I'D BETTER THANK SHU.

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT THIS IS HAPPENING... AM I DREAMING?

OH MY GOSH...

...BY SO MANY ADORABLE LITTLE JELLIES...

HEY, TSUKIMI.

GOT A WEIRD QUESTION FOR YA.

HELPING EVEN AFTER I... SAID THOSE THINGS...

SHU IS SO KIND...

NEVER MIND, SORRY.

PLANKTON-ICALLY?

PLATONI-CALLY, OF COURSE.

SETTING ASIDE THE WHOLE MARRIAGE THING, HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THE IDEA OF US LIVING TOGETHER? YOU, ME, AND SHU.

...

LIVING... TOGETH-ER...

SURE. THAT MIGHT WORK, TOO.

YOU MEAN "FLAT-MATES" LIKE PEOPLE TALK ABOUT...?

TH-THE THREE OF US LIVING TOGETH-ER...

FORGET IT! JUST FORGET WHAT I SAID!

DON'T TURN TO STONE *HERE!*

S-STONE?

ピキ krikt

ACK!

...

ピキ krikt

WHAT NOW?

WHAT SHOULD WE TELL THE OTH-ERS?

crackle crackle

パパ

WE THOUGHT SHE WAS A BALLSY CHICK, BUT REALLY THE BALLSY CHICK ACT WAS A COVER FOR ACTUAL BALLS.

TO SUM THINGS UP...

SO...

パパ crackle crackle

I KNOW, WE'VE BEEN DUPED ALL THIS TIME.

I'D NEVER HAVE GUESSED SHE WAS A MAN...

THIS IS NO TIME FOR US TO BE REHEATING TAIYAKI OVER THE FIRE!!

MS. MEJIRO'S ANGER WILL RIP THIS BUILDING IN HALF WHEN SHE HEARS WE'VE BEEN CAVORTING WITH SOME MAN IN HER NO-BOYS-ALLOWED SPACE ALL THIS TIME.

IF THIS GETS OUT, IT'LL SHAKE AMAMIZU-KAN TO ITS VERY FOUNDA-TION...

THAT MAKES NO SENSE!!

LIKE ON THE RED TIDE LEVEL.

NAH, PROBA-BLY EVEN WORSE THAN PLANK-TON.

A RED TIDE IS NOT GOOD!

fshh

TO ONE WHO TREATS NORMAL HUMANS AS MAGGOTS, A ***MALE*** HUMAN WOULD BE A PARAMECIUM OR EUGLENID...

INDEED.

IT'S JUST A HUNCH, BUT THINK IT'D BE BAD IF SHE FOUND OUT.

AND NOMU WORRIES ME!

AND KURAKO MUST HAVE HER REASONS FOR LYING...

...

YEAH...

I SECOND THE MOTION! OUR ONLY HOPE IS TO HIDE THE TRUTH AT ALL COSTS!

WHAT DO WE DO? MAYBE WE SHOULD KEEP IT QUIET.

It's almost time, everyone.

WE GOTTA KEEP THIS SECRET AT LEAST UNTIL AFTER THE SHOW, MAYAYA.

YES, SIR.

Just one last push before the show.

Hang in there!

...eating something tasty together is sure to cheer you up.

Even if you're run down from all the all-nighters...

Hmm?

hush

Oh.

I guess everyone's asleep now?

Once you're full, sleep just a little bit...

stagger stagger

Oh!

GOOD EVENING, LITTLE JELLY.

YOU LOOK WELL TODAY...

It's Ms. Mejiro!

Please take me with you!

I do! I do!

IT'S IN ENOSHIMA, I HEAR.

I HEAR THEY'RE DOING A FASHION SHOW AGAIN...

YOU WANT TO WATCH IT TOO, RIGHT?

Long time no see! Has it been two weeks?

THESE GIRLS ARE REALLY AMAZING.

I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THE SHOW.

Yay!
☆
☆

I'LL PUT YOU IN A LITTLE FISHBOWL AND TAKE YOU WITH ME.

ALL RIGHT.

(Nun)

THEIR "GEEK GIRL POWER" SEEMS LIABLE TO CHANGE THE WORLD.

...THE BOARD VOTED TO DISMISS YOU AS CEO TODAY.

MR. KAI FISH...

DEAR ME.

IT'S ALL OVER SO QUICKLY.

I SEE.

THEN YOU NEED SOMEONE TO GO TO JAPAN IMMEDIATELY AND FILE IT, EH?

EXCELLENT TIMING.

I ALSO HAVE A FEW RELATED MATTERS TO REPORT...

WE WILL BE FILING THE PAPERWORK TO SELL OFF THAT TOKYO APARTMENT BUILDING CALLED "AMAMIZU-KAN."

LOOK WHAT HAPPENS THE MOMENT MY LADY LUCK ESCAPES ME.

I'VE JUST RECEIVED A LOVELY INVITATION TO JAPAN. THIS SHOULD MAKE FOR A NICE VACATION.

HI THERE, BIG BOY.

SOUNDS LIKE YOU'RE IN TROUBLE! I SEE IT ON THE NEWS EVERY DAY.

IF YOU WANT US TO SAVE YOU, COME TO OUR DEEP-SEA PARTY.

WE'LL PUT ON SOME NEW DRESSES AND **SHOW YOU A GOOD TIME!**

Now, then.

WE'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU IN JAPAN,

MR. HANDSOME.

KISS KISS! ♡

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Let's start some-thing.

...that only we can stage.

Let's invite everyone to a show...

EXCUSE ME?

A FASHION SHOW AT AN AQUARIUM?

I'M IN EBETSU! *EBETSU!*

YES, THE ONE IN HOKKAI-DO!!

DO YOU KNOW WHERE I AM RIGHT NOW, YOU BRAT?!

YAY! I'LL BE EXPECTING TASTY HOKKAIDO SOUVENIRS!

SWEET CORN! POTA-TOES!!

MY COMPANY'S DECIDED TO BUILD A MALL HERE FOR SOME REASON.

THAT'S RIGHT! I GOT DUMPED OUT HERE FOR FAILING TO BUY AMAMIZU-KAN!

THIS IS YOUR CREW'S FAULT!

For today...

Terminal 2

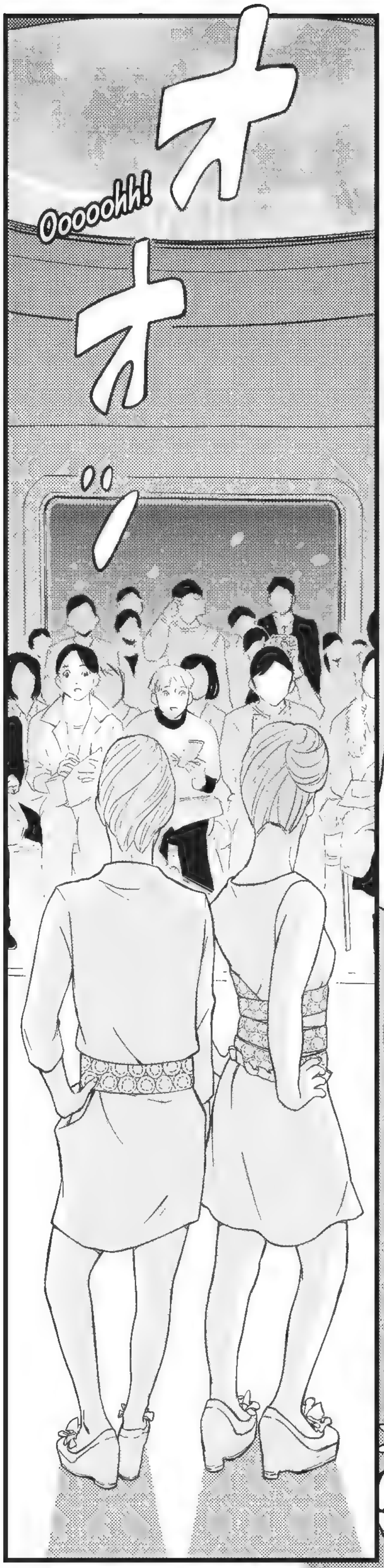
rooarr

Gather round, everyone.

...there are no "enemies" or "allies."

Just witness it.

Witness the moment we change the world.


Oooooh!

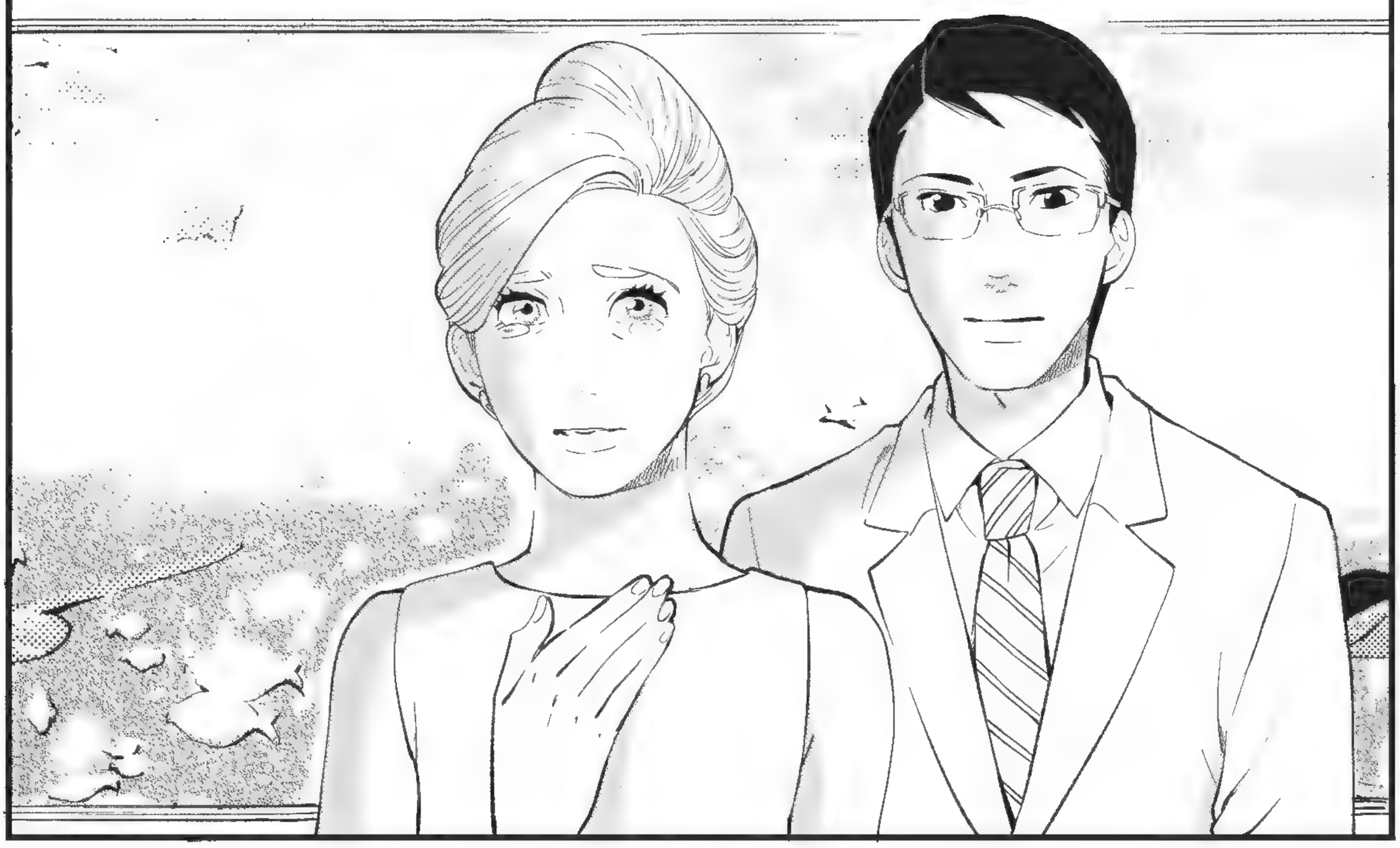
Now spread the word for us.

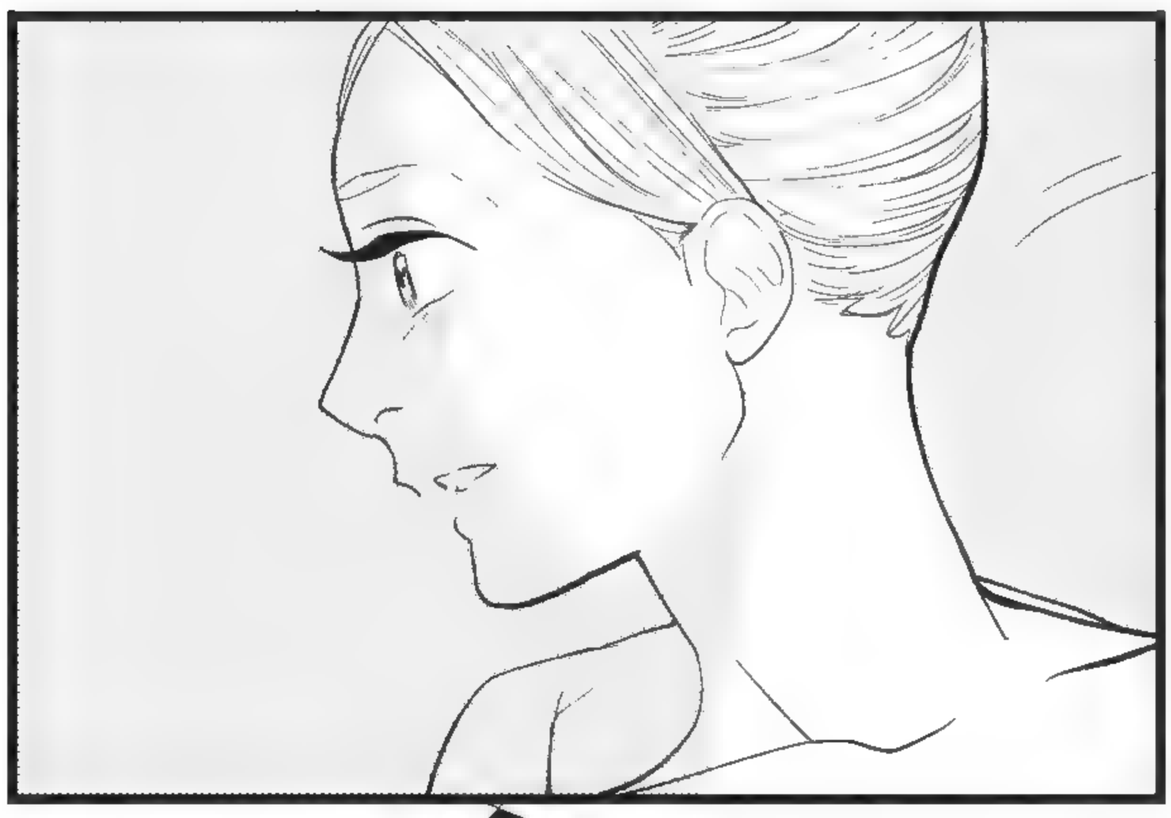
I want Sisterhood types around the world...

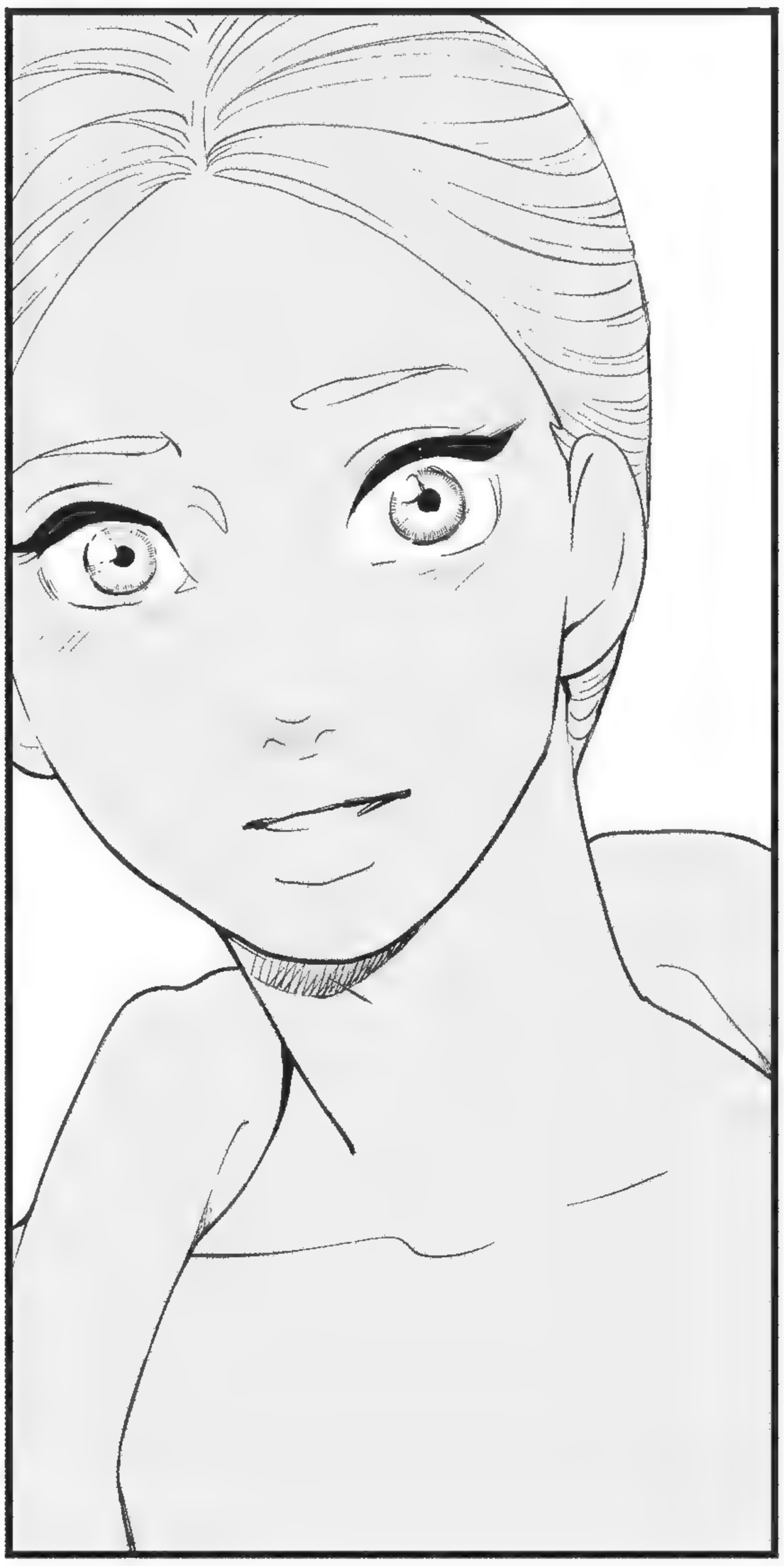
...to wear these clothes.

I know...

I know you're watching.







DASH!

WHAT'S THE MATTER?! DO YOU FEEL SICK?!

I TOLD YOU TO EAT MORE AT BREAK-FAST!

WHAT'S WRONG?! ARE YOU ANEMIC?!

STAGGER

WAH!

KURANO-SUKE?!

NNGH...

I...

SORRY...

I'M KIND OF...

!

slump

UNNGH...

MY MOM IS HERE...

NNGH...

THIS IS ONLY NATURAL. THEY HAVEN'T SEEN EACH OTHER IN 15 YEARS.

crack

WAH !!

"KURANO-SUKE"?

KURANO-SUKE!

...JUST... I... SOR-RY...

SNIFF

THERE GOES HANAMORI BLABBING AGAIN...

...THE MOTHER THAT KURA-NOSUKE WAS SEPARATED FROM AS A SMALL CHILD IS STANDING IN THE AUDIENCE.

WHAT ?!

OUT THERE ...

SNIFFLE

SNIFFLE

HUH?! I'M SORRY...

I'M JUST... REALLY SHOCK-ED...

スー plop

SNIFFLE

plip plip ポタポタ

HUH?

PLEASE PUT DRESSES ON, EVERYONE.

ZHOOP

HEY!

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?! PUT ON YOUR NEXT OUTFIT, MORON!

WHOA, TSUKIMI, WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

PLEASE PUT THEM ON.

HURRY!!

IT'S OUR TURN TO HELP NOW.

KURANO-SUKE HAS HELPED US SO MUCH!

WAIT— YOU WANT US TO BE MODELS?!

IM-POSSI-BLE!

A CHUBBY GIRL LIKE ME?!

AN AFRO-ED SHORTY LIKE ME?!

A MAGGOT LIKE ME?!

I'LL DO IT.

SO WILL I.

JIJI...!

IT'S ALL RIGHT. ISN'T THIS WHAT THE JERSEY DRESSES ARE FOR?

I'LL GO FIRST.

THE REST OF YOU GET CHANGED IN THE MEANTIME.

FLOOP

Ignoring Mr. Hanamori for the moment...

OH, WAIT.

OKAY, HERE I GO.

I THINK IT'S PROBABLY FINE. MS. MATSU DID SAY "LET IT GO," AFTER ALL.

BUT WHAT ABOUT HAIR AND MAKEUP...?

YOU SHOULD TAKE OFF YOUR GLASSES.

toss

shff

HUH?

Mom...

...you were right.

Like you said.

All girls really can become princesses.

Our armor is soft and translucent.

WHAT?!

WHO IS THAT?!

WOW...

No way! She's freakin' cute!

...

AH HA HA!

THE AFRO GIRL?!

SPARKLE

パチパチパチ
clap clap clap
BRAVO!!
I WANT TO.
IS IT WRONG TO SHOUT "BRAVO" AT A FASHION SHOW?
HUH?!
OUR GIRLS ARE THE BEST.
ISN'T THIS AMAZING, CLARA?
CAN YOU SEE?
THIS IS STRANGE ...
SHALL I GO BACKSTAGE AND CHECK ON HIM?
SHU, WHERE IS KURANO-SUKE? IS HIS PART OVER?
MAGNIFICENT!!

KURANO-SUKE...

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

KA-CHAK

SORRY... I...

DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE SHOW.

EVERY-ONE'S DOING A GREAT JOB.

THE AUDIENCE LIKES IT, TOO.

CLACK

...HA...

I WONDER IF MOM WAS SHOCKED... THE FIRST TIME SHE SEES HER SON IN OVER TEN YEARS, AND HE'S DRESSED LIKE A WOMAN...

IT'S OKAY, KURANOSUKE.

I'M ALREADY A BIG FAN—OF YOU AND OF JELLY FISH'S DRESSES.

...

MOM...!

hug

ぎゅっ…

I'M SORRY...

I'M SO SORRY, KURANO-SUKE...

MOM...

I FINALLY GOT TO SEE YOU...

hug

TSUKIMI'S DRESSES BROUGHT YOU TO ME...

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, OUR JELLY FISH FASH-ION SHOW IN COOPERATION WITH THE NEW ENOSHIMA AQUARIUM HAS NOW REACHED ITS FINALE.

I WANTED TO SEE KURA-PYON MODEL!

BUT I WANTED TO GOOOOO!

MR. PRIME MINISTER, THE OPPOSITION IS SURE TO CRITICIZE YOU AGAIN IF YOU'RE CAUGHT WATCHING ***THAT*** DURING THE DIET'S BREAK TIME.

LINA CAME ALL THE WAY FROM ITALY, RIGHT?

YOU WATCH, TOO.

COME ON.

THAT'S NOT AN APPROPRIATE USE OF YOUR SECURITY.

AT LEAST MY SECURITY STAFF IS LIVE-BROAD-CASTING IT TO ME.

IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO ACCEPT WHAT HE WANTS TO DO.

YOU NEED TO SHOW THAT BOY SOME SUPPORT, TOO,

AFTER YOU'VE HURT HIM SO MUCH.

THIS IS AN ORDER FROM THE PRIME MINISTER.

THIS ISN'T BROTHERLY ADVICE.

...

BROTH—

I love you.

I love you all.

Thanks to all of you...

...I got to see my mom again.

I'm going to introduce you...

Hey, Mom.

...to the person I care about most.

...and my cherished...

...my best friend...

She's my partner...

IT'S TIME FOR THE FINALE!

ARE YOU DRESSED?

TSUKIMI!

HERE I GO!

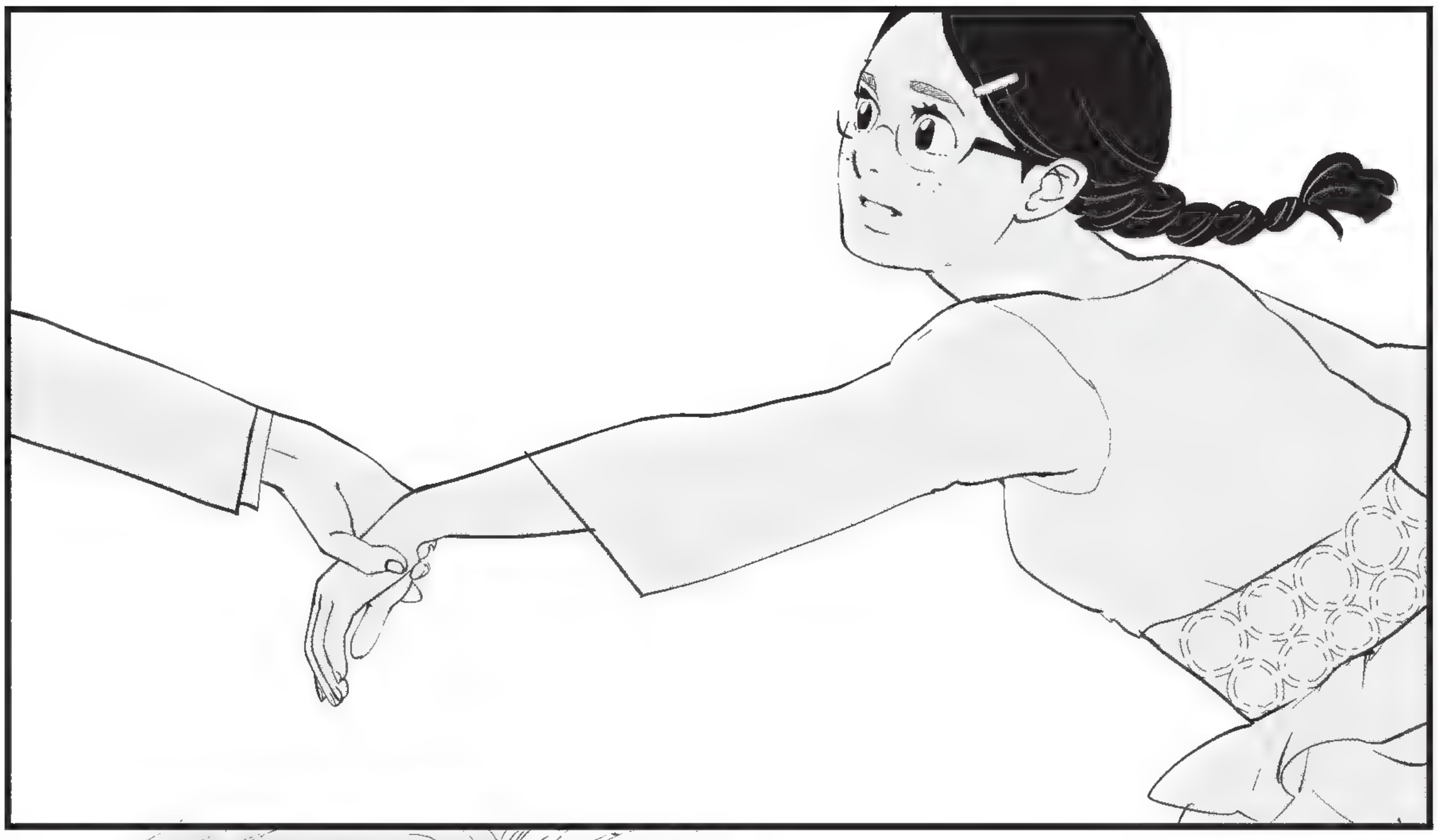
RIGHT!

LET'S GO.

HUH?!

STRIDE

GRAB



I LOVE YOU.

...princess.

WOW!

clap

clap

clap

clap

clap

I'D BE WILLING TO DATE HIM IF STAYED IN THAT MODE.

CLEANS UP NICELY IN THAT EXPENSIVE SUIT, TOO.

WELL, NOW! HE MAKES A FINE MAN.

WHOA, WHO'S THE HOTTIE?

HMM?

BRAVO, BRAVO, BRAVO!!

TSUKIMI! BRA—

BRAVO!!

clap clap clap clap

THE PRINCESS TURNED INTO A PRINCE!

CLA...

CLARA?!

NO, NO, BUT...

NO, IT'S GOTTA BE.

NO, IT CAN'T BE.

...MS. MEJIRO?

ARE YOU...

CAN WOMEN GROW BEARDS?

HEY, WE DON'T KNOW THAT FOR SURE.

BUT THAT'S A ***MAN.***

K-KURAKO... HELP...

M-M-MS. MEJIRO IS A MAN...?

A... MAN?

stagger

I CAN'T... WRAP MY BRAIN AROUND...

IDENTITY CONFIRMED.

...

shff

Sorry for shocking you.

I'M SORRY. BUT I'M A MAN, TOO.

I'M SORRY FOR LYING TO YOU ALL.

I'M A MAN, BUT LET ME STAY FRIENDS WITH YOU.

YOU'RE ALL GORGEOUS.

A group of slightly odd girls lived a nice, fun life there.

...there was a tiny little castle.

Once upon a time...

She tried her best to lure the girls into the outside world.

Then one day a beautiful princess came to the castle.

The girls resisted at first...

...but little by little...

"You must become strong and beautiful to protect the castle," she said.

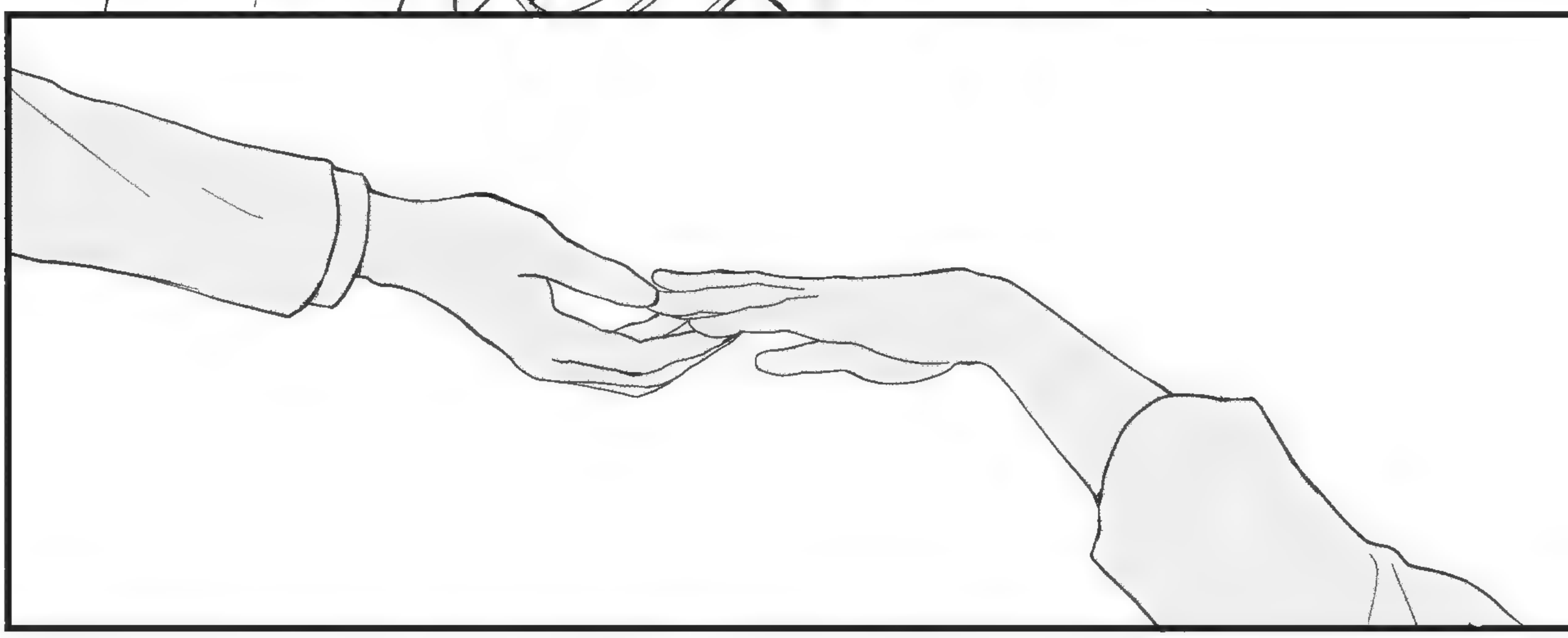
They metamor-phosed.

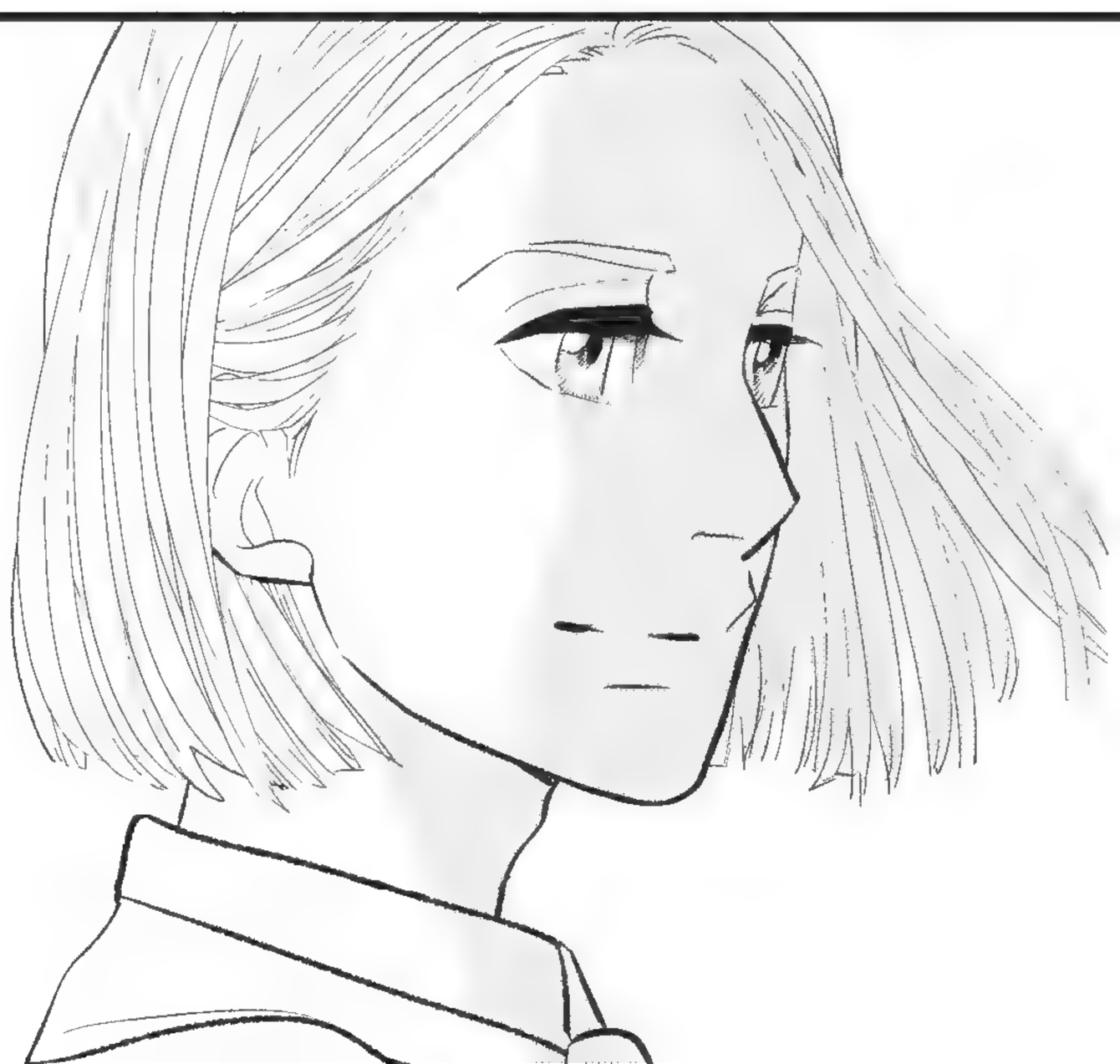
Beautifully...

Strongly...

...their beautiful princess visitor transformed into a prince.

And when they became great princesses...





AMAMIZU-KAN
FASHION SHOW
AFTERPARTY

People
can
change.

I'LL WAIT FOR HER.

LIFE IS LONG.

NO, I HAVEN'T GIVEN UP YET.

SERI-OUSLY?

Ugh, that's just sad.

shing

ARE YOU RECORDING THIS?

HUH?

REC

000

PLEASE, STOP. SHU IS STILL RECOVERING FROM A BROKEN HEART.

YEAH, RIGHT! YOU JUST WANT TO TAKE OVER JELLY FISH!

MY COMPANY FIRED ME, BUT I TOOK THIS PLACE AS MY SEVERANCE PACKAGE INSTEAD OF CASH.

PERHAPS I'LL STAY HERE FOR A WHILE, AS LIVE-IN LANDLORD AND MANAGER.

CONGRATS!

WELL, THE THING IS... AND I'M ONLY TELLING YOU THIS BECAUSE I'M DRUNK...

HMM? YOU WANT TO KNOW WHY I INSISTED ON THE NO BOYS ALLOWED RULE WHEN I'M A MAN MYSELF?

SO... I DIDN'T WANT ANY OTHER MEN TO MOVE IN.

I WAS THE FIRST BOARDER HERE, AND, WELL...

WHEN I SAW CHIEKO IN HER KIMONO, I FELL IN LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT...

BEFORE I KNEW IT, YEARS HAD GONE BY AND I STILL DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO...

BUT THEN IN HINDSIGHT, I REALIZED MY RULE MIGHT MAKE IT A BAD IDEA FOR ME TO LET ANYONE SEE ME...

Is he one of those "plump girls in kimonos" fetishists?!

SAY **WHAT** ?!?!?!

.....

WE'LL MOVE IN TOO, THEN.

SO, I GUESS AMAMIZU-KAN'S NO BOYS ALLOWED LAW IS HEREBY REPEALED.

THIS MAKES MY CRIME LESS SEVERE!

BUT I HAD NO IDEA YOU WERE MALE TOO, KURAKO!

squeeze

"A SCHEMER FALLS PREY TO HIS OWN SCHEMES"! KONG MING WAS THE FIRST TO SAY THIS.

WHY NOT? MY SISTER DOESN'T SWEAT THAT STUFF.

AND YOUR HOME ISN'T EXACTLY THE RIGHT PLACE FOR ME...

MOM SAYS SHE'LL START VISITING ME IN TOKYO SOMETIMES!

YES, SHE DOES.

WHAT?

I'M MOVING IN, FYI!

R-REALLY?!

"A LIFE WITH NO USE FOR MEN."

WOW...

AMAMIZU-KAN WILL GET EVEN LIVELIER NOW!

...BUT THE THING IS, *I* NEED *YOU*.

A LIFE WITH NO USE FOR MEN.

TSUKIMI, MAYBE YOU DON'T NEED A MAN RIGHT NOW...

...YOU CHANGED ME, TOO.

JUST LIKE I CHANGED YOU...

...BUT THAT'S EXACTLY HOW I LEARNED THAT THIS REALLY IS WHERE I BELONG.

...I'VE SEEN SO MANY COLORFUL SIDES OF THE OUTSIDE WORLD THAT I NEVER KNEW BE-FORE...

THANKS TO YOU, KURANO-SUKE...

YOU KNOW...

I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR ME TO MAKE CLOTHES HERE.

I DON'T CARE IF AMAMIZU-KAN IS INSIDE A LITTLE FISH BOWL.

KURANO-SUKE...

SO...

TSUKIMI...

...the prince and the princess lived happily ever after in the castle.

Hmm? You want to know if they get married?

And so...

...WELCOME TO OUR CASTLE.

Take it from Clara: as long as there's love, it's all good.

This is a neo princess story for the 21st century!

There's no need to get hung up on forms and institutions, is there?

To you who are freer and more beautiful than anyone...

I hope you'll keep on being true to the things you love.

And there you have it. Thank you so much, everyone. Take care!

To the world's jellyfish princesses, with love.

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